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Re Patent Application of:
Jason Zweiback, et al

Application No.: 09/957,443

Group Art Unit: 2872

Filed: September 18, 2001

Examiner: J. Pritchett

For: LITHOGRAPHIC METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING A MASK USED IN THE
FABRICATION OF A FIBER BRAGG
GRATING

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants have petitioned for a one month extension of time concurrently herewith, paying the required fee. In response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed December 2, 2002 (Paper No. 6), Applicant hereby provisionally elects claims 58-95 for continued examination.

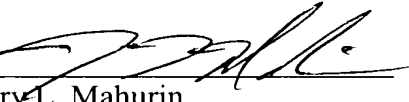
The Examiner has required restriction between Group I claims 39-57, drawn to an optical mask, classified in class 359, subclass 566; and Group II claims 68-95 drawn to a system for producing an optical grating, classified in class 385, subclass 37.

As noted in the Office Action examination of claims 1-38 should proceed with examination of claims 58-95.

Applicant believes the one month extension of time fee dealt with in the accompanying, Petition for Extension of Time and Fee Transmittal is the only fee due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2380, under Order No. 60901/P001CP1/10103155 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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